Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 18 as follows:

This invention relates to a method of treating a patient suffering from <u>ionizing</u> radiation exposure, or of prophylactically treating a patient about to undergo <u>ionizing</u> radiation therapy. The method includes administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a thiol or reducible disulfide compound according to the formula set forth in the specification.

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